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SUBJECT: KENYA ACCEPTS F-5A OFFER

REFS: NAIROBI 3132 (NOTAL)

STATE 29033 (NOTAL)

1. DEFENCE MINISTRY PERMSEC KIEREINI PHONED DCM TODAY
TO STATE THAT GOK HAS ACCEPTED OFFER OF SQUADRON OF
REFURBISHED IRANIAN F-5A'S MADE BY STATE/DOD TEAM
DURING APRIL 15-16 NAIROBI VISIT. HE ALSO SAID THAT
ENTIRE \$2 MILLION FMS CREDIT SET ASIDE FOR KENYA
SHOULD BE APPLIED TO F-5A TRANSACTION.

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2. BELIEVE WE HAVE NOW REACHED STAGE WHERE OUR UNDER-

STANDING WITH GOK ON F-5A'S SHOULD BE PUT IN WRITING

IN ORDER AVOID POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDINGS IN FUTURE.
THEREFORE, AS SOON AS PENDING PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATIONS
RELATING TO KENYA ARE SIGNED, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING
AUTHORIZED TO EXCHANGE LETTERS OF INTENT WITH GOK SETTING
FORTH SIGNIFICANT DETAILS OF F-5A TRANSACTION.

3. COMMENT: IN OUR VIEW, THIS KENYAN DECISION IS
INDICATIVE OF GOK'S REASONABLENESS IN DEALING WITH ITS
DEFENSE PROBLEMS AGAINST BACKDROP OF SERIOUS BALANCE
OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS (ON WHICH WE ARE REPORTING BY SEPTTEL).
I HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT PROCESSING OF F-5A DEAL CAN BE
HANDLED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AND EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE.
IN THIS CONNECTION, I LEARNED IN CONVERSATION WITH VICE
PRESIDENT BI TODAY THAT EARLY (OCTOBER) AVAILABILITY
TO KENYA OF REFURBISHED F-5A'S WAS CRUCIAL FACTOR IN
GOK DECISION TO APPROVE DEAL.
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